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FOR UNDERSECRETARY NEWSOM FROM AMBASSADOR MASTERS

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REF: STATE 108495

1. I MUCH APPRECIATE THE BACKGROUND CONTAINED IN REFTTEL. I HAVE CONTINUED THE CAMPAIGN YOU BEGAN WITH BENNY MURDANI TO PERMIT A CRS PRESENCE IN TIMOR (HE EMPHATICALLY CONTINUES TO RULE OUT AN ICRC PRESENCE). AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU, MURDANI HAS ALWAYS REFERRED TO THE NEED TO REPLACE GOVERNOR ARAUJO FIRST. I HAVE REPEATEDLY QUESTIONED WHEN THIS CHANGE, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER OF 1977 AND THEN MARCH OF 1978, WOULD TAKE PLACE. I EVEN BEGAN TO SUSPECT THAT PERHAPS ARAUJO WAS BEING KEPT IN OFFICE IN ORDER TO KEEP CRS OUT. WE HAVE AT LAST, HOWEVER, EXTRACTED A MORE PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION FROM LIM BIAN KIE.

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REFERENCE TO EAST TIMOR. SUDHARMONO SAID HE PERSONALLY SAW NO REASON WHY REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER EAST TIMOR AND ADDED THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH SUHARTO. I SAID I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO REGAIN THE FORWARD MOMENTUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH HAD BEEN INITIATED BY THE DECEMBER 1977 RELEASE OF DETAINEES BUT HAD SLOWED DOWN DURING THE MPR SESSION.

4. SUDHARMONO ASKED WHETHER THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS GOING TO RAISE SPECIFICALLY WITH SUHARTO THE DESIRABILITY OF ADMITTING VOL AG REPRESENTATIVES INTO EAST TIMOR. I SAID I WAS NOT AWARE OF THE SPECIFIC POINTS WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT MIGHT RAISE, BUT THAT GIVEN THE KEY POSITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN OUR FOREIGN POLICIES WE COULD BE SURE THAT THIS GENERAL SUBJECT WOULD BE RAISED. IT WOULD HELP PUT INDONESIA IN A BETTER POSITION IF A PUBLIC STATEMENT WERE MADE IN ADVANCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT THAT THE GOI HAD DECIDED TO ADMIT REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INTO EAST TIMOR AT LEAST FOR EXTENDED VISITS. IF THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE, AND IF THE GOI DID NOT FEEL THAT IT COULD GO PUBLIC ON THIS MATTER AS YET, PERHAPS SUHARTO COULD TELL THE VICE PRESIDENT THAT A DECISION TO THIS EFFECT HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT EAST TIMOR WOULD OPEN UP WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE. SUDHARMONO TOOK NOTES DURING OUR DISCUSSION AND WE CAN BE SURE THAT MY VIEWS WILL BE REFLECTED TO SUHARTO.

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